

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A cosmetic or personal care article comprising an article selected from the group consisting essentially of mascara, foundation, rouge, face powder, eye liner, eyeshadow, lipstick, insect repellent, nail polish, skin moisturizer, skin cream, body lotion, and sunscreen the cosmetic or personal care article having therein a composition in the form of an aqueous emulsion or dispersion, said composition comprising:

- (a) at least one copolymer comprising (i) about 10 to 85 weight percent of (meth)acrylate ester of C₄ to C₁₈ straight and/or branched chain alkyl alcohol, (ii) about 10 to 70 weight percent of (meth)acrylate ester of a saturated or unsaturated cyclic alcohol containing 6 to 20 carbon atoms and at least some hydrophilic monomer units, said copolymer being dispersed as discrete particles in an aqueous carrier consisting essentially of water or water miscible solvents optionally with added rapid evaporating solvents selected from the group consisting of hexamethyldisiloxane, cyclic silicones, acetone, and hydrofluoroethers; or combinations or mixtures thereof;

~~said composition used for cosmetic and personal care applications, selected from the group consisting essentially of mascara, foundation, rouge, face powder, eye liner, eyeshadow, lipstick, insect repellent, nail polish, skin moisturizer, skin cream, body lotion, and sunscreen.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1, wherein said (a)(i) component is selected from the group consisting of isooctyl (meth)acrylate, n-butyl (meth)acrylate, isobutyl acrylate, t-butyl (meth)acrylate, 2-methylbutyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl (meth)acrylate, n-octyl (meth)acrylate, isononyl (meth)acrylate, lauryl (meth)acrylate, octadecyl (meth)acrylate, and combinations thereof.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1, wherein said (a)(ii) component is selected from the group consisting of bicyclo[2.2.1]heptyl (meth)acrylate; adamantyl (meth)acrylate; 3,5-dimethyladamantyl (meth)acrylate; isobornyl (meth)acrylate; tolyl (meth)acrylate; phenyl (meth)acrylate; t-butylphenyl (meth)acrylate; 2-naphthyl (meth)acrylate; benzyl methacrylate; cyclohexyl methacrylate; menthyl methacrylate; 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl methacrylate; dicyclopentenyl (meth)acrylate; 2-(dicyclopentenyl)oxyethyl (meth)acrylate; and combinations thereof.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1 wherein said copolymer further comprises up to about 20 weight percent of a hydrophilic monomer units.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 4, wherein said hydrophilic monomer is selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone and combinations thereof.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is formed into a film, said film having less than about 50 grams of tack when tested according to ASTM D 2979-95.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is formed into a film, said film passes the flexibility test when tested according to ASTM D 4338-97.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1, wherein said copolymer has average particle size of less than about 1 micrometers.

9. (CANCELED)

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11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1 having a T_g less than 35° C.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1 further comprising ingredients selected from the group consisting of emollients, humectants, propellants, pigments, dyes, buffers, organic suspending agents, inorganic suspending agents, organic thickening agents, inorganic thickening agents, waxes, surfactants, plasticizers, preservatives, flavoring agents, perfumes, vitamins, herbal extracts, skin bleaching agents, hair bleaching agents, skin coloring agents, hair coloring agents, antimicrobial agents, antifungal agents and combinations thereof.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The cosmetic or personal care article composition of claim 1 comprising a blend of said copolymer.

Claims 14 – 19 (CANCELLED)